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For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR) Group Art Unit: 3738
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT) Examiner: B. Snow
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LEADING END AND METHOD)
FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 21 of this paper and include three (3) attached replacement sheets and three (3) attached annotated sheets showing changes.

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Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 33 of this paper.